

Question:

When I access the document through the Notice of Electronic Filing, will I be charged?

Answer:

The PACER Service Center has provided the following answer:

“Each attorney of record in a case (including pro se litigants) will receive an email message containing a hyperlink to a document that has been filed. **One free look is available to each attorney of record.** Attorneys are able to list multiple email addresses for their filer login (under "Utilities") so that interested parties can be notified of filings as well.

However, the free look will only apply to the email recipient for each attorney's email account who accesses the document first. This does not affect the other attorneys of record from receiving their free look. All other recipients will receive the PACER Login screen and will be charged to view the document.

For example, attorneys of record in a case are A, B and C. A has added his secretary and paralegal to his email account so they receive email notifications as well. Attorney B has added four additional attorneys to her email account. Attorney C has no additional email addresses in his email account. The first person to view the document in Attorney A's group will receive the free look.

The same applies to Attorney B's group. Attorney C receives the free look since he is the only recipient. The hyperlink to access the document will expire after the earlier of these two events: the first use or 15 days. Any time that same hyperlink is accessed after it has expired, the user will be asked for a PACER login and will be charged to view the document. All users are advised to print or save the document during the initial viewing period in order to avoid future charges. ”

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